



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

Week beginning Monday 9 February 2015

Messages

- PTC meetings – Just a reminder that the Parent Teacher Conferences will take place next week on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 February. Please ensure you have made an appointment. We look forward to seeing you then.
- Chinese New Year Day
Friday 13 Feb: Chinese New Year – come to school in Chinese costume or wearing red.
- Keep practicing on the Mathletics website. You can play the games by visiting www.mathletics.asia and entering the username and password given in your child's communication book.
- Snacks
Please could all parents ensure that children bring in healthy snacks to school? Fresh or dried fruit, yoghurts, crackers or a small sandwich are all excellent snacks.
- Please be reminded of our winter school uniform policy. Black school shoes should be worn for both boys and girls- trainers are not permitted. Please check our website for further details: <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/parent-essentials>
- **Cancellation of ECAs** – All ECAs will be cancelled on **Tuesday 10** and **Thursday 12 February** due to Parent Teacher Conferences. Our BISCAP Programme will run as normal.
- Our Paddington Bear Costume Competition is now open. Entries to Ms Meehan by Wednesday 25 February please.

Literacy

This week our Literacy focus will be based around Chinese New Year activities. The children will learn about the story of the Chinese Zodiac animals. They will use this story as a stimulus to write their own imaginative story involving different animals. We will also be learning some new vocabulary to describe the animals and create a word wall with new descriptive phrases and words.

Phonics

In phonics this week, we will be covering the following sounds:

Stingray: new sounds: 'ai' and 'ee'

Jellyfish: continue with two syllable words and alternative sounds for 'ir'/'ur'

Octopus: teaching of 'oy' sound and comparison to 'oi'

Shark: 's' and 'z' sounds, as made by 'se', 's' and 'z' (e.g. treasure, please)

Puffer Fish: spelling rules for -ing word ending (adding double letter runing, removing -e, sliding)

Maths

In Maths, we will be revising our knowledge of doubling and applying it to near doubles calculations, for example, $6+7=13$, can be worked out by doubling 6 then adding one. The children will practise using doubling facts to improve their mental agility.



Themed Learning – All Dressed Up

This week the children will be starting their Science focus linked to our Themed Learning unit. They will begin to investigate the properties of materials in relation to clothes. They will investigate materials that are waterproof and absorbent. They will then choose the best materials needed to make a hat for a rainy day! The children will explore, take risks and choose appropriate materials by carrying out a simple investigation.

This week in Computing Science, the children will continue their first unit of work on computer programming (coding). Using the program Espresso Coding, the children will start to add a series of commands together to create a sequence.

PSHCE- Choices

We will discuss the importance of making good choices. The children will share what good choices they are making in the playground and how to solve problems when we feel angry or upset.

Vocabulary

Literacy – Chinese New Year, Animals of the Zodiac, imaginative story, describing words

Maths- doubles facts, near doubles, number line, adding one more

Themed Learning

Geography- investigation, properties, materials, waterproof, absorbent

Computer Science- programming, coding, instruction, edit, command, move, direction, Bee-Bot

PSHCE- choices, friend, friendship, helpfulness, kindness, happiness, sharing

Dutch

We hebben de CITO-toets afgenomen en spelletjes gespeeld. Ook hebben we Piet Piraat Wonderwater-filmpjes bekeken als voorbereiding op het Aquariumbezoek. Er zijn echt heel veel leuke clipjes van Piet Piraat in zijn onderzeeër op Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNSQC9oRzVc>.

Mandarin Y1 MNDCN and C1/2/3

There will be activities of making the lanterns and Chinese fan painting throughout the week to celebrate Chinese New Year.